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OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Minutes – April 6, 2011

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Present: Ann LeRoyer, Chair; Lisa Decker, Jane Auger, David White, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer

Absent: Leslie Mayer, Michele Hassler, Teresa DeBenedictis

Ann sent some edits on the minutes for the March meeting. Elizabeth will make the corrections and distribute them back to us. Minutes approved as corrected.

EcoFest – March 26 – a very successful event – well-attended – good feedback about all phases of it. Bill Reed, the speaker, was very popular. Ann and David both said they had good traffic at the tables they represented.

Mill Brook report – next meeting is April 14th. At the last meeting there was much discussion on making a presentation to Town Meeting to introduce the concept of the Mill Brook development. Brian Barber put together a power point presentation of the project. An edited version of this could be used for Town Meeting.

The group discussed what approach would be good in introducing this project to Town Meeting, in order to convey a positive message. Joey suggested having a panel display of the brook districts in the back of Town Hall during Town Meeting.

Ann reported on an article that appeared in the Advocate discussing the old Armstrong Ambulance building and the idea of doing a mural on a wall there. This is a location near the brook. Ann followed up with the person interested in doing the mural and told him about all the future plans for the brook. She suggested that he incorporate some of these ideas in the mural.

Project Reports

Reservoir habitat Garden meeting is this coming Monday. David reports that things are progressing very well.

Busa Farm – the preliminary recommendations are done and the Selectmen will now make their decision. The Busa Farm Stand will be opening this next week.

Town Meeting will begin on Monday, April 25. Our May meeting will begin at 7:00 pm before that night's Town Meeting.

Cooke's Hollow report – the report was received by the Planning Department. No word on any action at this point is available. There will be some discussion at Town Meeting about this.

The committee turned its attention to reviewing the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The review was completed at last.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.